

filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-216-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 13, 1998.

Take notice that on February 3, 1998, as supplemented on February 5, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP98-216-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212(a), and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212(a), and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon the Glenwood, Iowa branchline and to relocate two small volume farm taps all located in Mills County, Iowa, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to abandon approximately 0.2 miles of 2-inch pipe and 1.1 miles of 3-inch lines which were installed in 1950 and 1934, respectively. Northern is requesting abandonment of the Glenwood branchline due to the age of the pipeline. Specifically, Northern asserts that the 3-inch pipeline has deteriorated to the point where it needs to be replaced. Additionally, Northern notes that the 3-inch line crosses 9 out of 11 lots in a new housing development which, per Department of Transportation regulations, requires a class location change. Rather than replace the existing Glenwood branchline in its current location, Northern proposes to abandon the line. Northern notes that it will provide the same service to Glenwood, Iowa via a

replacement line installed at a more accessible location under Blanket Authority. The 2-inch line was originally installed to augment service to Glenwood, Iowa but will be rendered useless once the 3-inch line is abandoned. As a result of the abandonment, Northern notes that two farm taps located along the 3-inch line require removal and relocation.

Northern notes that it will utilize the most efficient method of abandonment based on circumstances at the time of abandonment. Generally, Northern proposes to abandon in-place pipeline at unique situations where the environment is better protected by not removing the pipeline. Northern contends that it will also restore the area to its original condition by reseeding or allowing resumption of farming activity (or as specified by landowner). Northern states that the affected state commission has been mailed copies of this request. Northern submitted letters with the customers consenting to the pipeline project.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a request. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protests, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-129-000]

#### Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Petition for Grant of Limited Waiver of Tariff

February 13, 1998.

Take notice that on February 9, 1998, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(5), Northwest Pipeline Corporation

(Northwest) tendered for filing a Petition for Grant of Limited Waiver of Tariff.

Northwest seeks a waiver of the Commission's first-come, first-served policy as reflected in Section 1 of Northwest's Rate Schedule TI-1 and in the Priority Date provisions in Section 12.3 of the General Terms and Conditions of Northwest's FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, in order to allow the receipt point priority dates held by Vastar Gas Marketing, Inc. (Vastar) under an interruptible transportation agreement dated November 1, 1997, as amended, to be retained by Vastar's assignee and affiliate, Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P.

Northwest states that a copy of this filing has been served upon Northwest's jurisdictional customers and upon affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before February 20, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-306-005]

#### Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Refund Report

February 13, 1998.

Take notice that on January 15, 1998, Paiute Pipeline Company (Paiute) filed its report of refunds in the above referenced docket for the period January 1, 1997, through July 31, 1997.

Paiute states that on December 16, 1997, it distributed refunds in compliance with Section 3.3 of the Settlement approved by the Commission on October 21, 1997, in Docket No.